



January 2, 2008

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Dear Parade Guests:

The Sussex County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Inc. is pleased to invite you/your organization/business to participate in the Fifth Annual Sussex County St. Patrick's Day Parade again in Newton, New Jersey.

The 2008 parade honors Co-Grand Marshals Senator Robert E. Littell and his wife Ginnie. We also recognize Monsignor Boland, Senator Steve Oroho, Ailish Hambel and Glen Vetrano, Freeholder- as past Grand Marshals, the Sussex County Parade Committee, and Ireland's own Patron St. Patrick.

We thank the Town of Newton's Mayor, Council, Town Manager, Police Department, Public Works Department and their respective associates for hosting the 2008 parade!

The parade begins promptly at 11:30 (A NEW TIME) and invited participants and their vehicles should arrive no earlier than 9:30 and no later than 11:00 on the morning of Saturday, March 15, 2008. **See the enclosed map for line up and directions.** If you use Map Quest for driving directions to the parade, it is recommended that you use 299 Spring Street, Newton, NJ 07860 as your destination address.

We recommend that you park non parade vehicles at the Park & Ride on South Park Street, located behind the Shop Rite Plaza on Route 206 where a shuttle bus to the Parade Line-Up Area is planned to begin at approximately 9:30.

The following Parade **“Standards of Conduct”** are in effect for **all** parade participants. Please make sure that all of your members are aware of and abide by the following standards of conduct:

1. Use of, or public display of, alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited.
2. All groups are encouraged to “Present an Irish Theme” in dress and/or banners/flags displayed. Remember, the American Flag comes first and flies higher than any other flag!
3. Only parade vehicles will be permitted in the Parade Line Up Area.
4. The use of Sirens, Air Horns or other emergency signals, or like devices is prohibited and Emergency Response Vehicles in the Parade **shall** refrain from the use of sirens and horns, unless responding to an emergency.
5. For safety reasons, caution should be exercised when tossing candy and any other objects into the crowd along the parade route. If you are giving out anything, try your best to hand it out to spectators. We want to avoid spectators, especially children, from darting out in front of vehicles while trying to pick up candy etc.
6. The Parade Committee reserves the right to review parade banners, floats and signs and determine who shall participate in the parade. It also retains the right, at its sole direction, to notify the appropriate authorities to remove any participant/group from the Line of March on Parade Day if deemed necessary.
7. Commercial and Political Advertising is strictly prohibited, except for an appropriately discreet company or organization logo where applicable.

8. Parade and organization banners must appropriately identify the organization represented and not contain any inappropriate political or commercial wording.
9. Floats are allowed and the above rules are also applicable to floats.
10. Organizations participating in the parade will be provided with a trash bag. Please use it to collect any of your trash and take it with you for proper disposal.
11. Organizations that plan to have horses or other animals that may litter the parade route are encouraged to have a designate to pick up animal droppings as a courtesy to other parade participants.
12. Enjoy the day and Have lots of Fun!!!

It is strongly recommended that wherever possible, parade participants carpool to the parade site. Parking is available on the streets and at the Park & Ride on South Park Street but businesses in Newton are open as usual. We encourage you to support the local businesses in our host town of Newton and only use their parking lots while transacting business.

Do not leave vehicles in private and merchant's parking lots before, during and after the parade!

We want the Parade to be a most enjoyable experience for you, your organizations and the town of Newton. Accordingly, we strongly encourage everyone to abide by the parking regulations. Illegally parked vehicles are subject to being ticketed and towed at the owner's expense.

As has been our tradition, there is no alternate date for the parade. We will parade on March 15th.

If you have any questions, please call me at (973) 827-9179. Please leave both evening and day numbers where you can be reached and someone will get back to you.

We thank you for your time and efforts to make Sussex County's St. Patrick's Day Parade an annual tradition of good fun and *Great Craic* for all!

Most Sincerely,

Dennis Harrington, Chairman

C.C. Eileen Kithcart, Town Manager
Christopher Bond, Public Works
Deb Lockwood, Community Dev. Dir.
John Tomasula, Police Chief
Lt. Robert Osborn
Chief Newton Fire Department

Enclosed: Parade Route Map